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*Kenneth G. Wickham*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL (SEMIMOBILE)  
APO 96491

AVCA MB-GD-EC

9 November 1966

SUBJECT: Operation Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966  
(RCS CSFOR-65)

TO: Commanding Officer  
68th Medical Group  
APO 96491

SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

At the end of the last report period, only a few concrete pads had been poured and the frame of one building erected. At the end of this report period a total of thirty-two (32) concrete pads have been completed. These include twenty-six (26) for quonsets, five (5) for nurses' quarters, and one (1) for mess hall. Of the twenty-six (26) quonsets which will compose the hospital proper, eighteen (18) are structurally complete, three (3) are partially complete, and five (5) have only the frame erected. This is being partially accomplished by a detail of twenty-four (24) men from this unit, who are working under the supervision of the engineers. The painting of these buildings, both interior and exterior, is also being accomplished by men of this unit, in addition to building counters and shelves within the quonsets.

Of the five (5) nurses' quarters, one (1) is complete and a second partially completed. The mess hall has the structural members in place and it is partially roofed.

Pacific Architects and Engineers have started their Repair and Utilities Section. Their building is complete and two large generators have been received, but are not yet operational.

Under a self-help program, the permanent billeting area was prepared by pouring concrete floors for all tents, and then framing them.

During the ninety-two (92) days of the report period, some personnel were training every day. This training included that held within the unit and on-the-job training at functioning hospitals for up to thirty-seven (37) men. This figure does not include professional personnel from which all but two were performing duty with other units.

Inclosure 1

AVCA MB-GL-EC

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There were no troop movements or operations during this report period.

On 1 September, LTC A.C. Donohoo, Commanding Officer 24th Evacuation Hospital, departed for reassignment to the 85th Evacuation Hospital. On the afternoon of 1 September, LTC John R. Connolly arrived and assumed command of the 24th Evacuation Hospital.

This unit was assigned the mission of staging the 12th Evacuation Hospital. Their advance party arrived on 9 September and their main body on 18 September. This function gradually diminished as portions of the 12th Evacuation Hospital were moved to Cu Chi. At present only five (5) men from the 12th still remain here.

The area physically occupied by the hospital has gradually expanded to its permanent boundaries. The entire area is now surrounded by triple strand concertina wire, and seven (7) guard bunkers are spaced around the perimeter. There are eight (8) permanent forty (40) men bunkers now complete. There is a complete communications system established between all bunkers for alert purposes.

On 12 October a Command Medical Maintenance Inspection was held. This hospital received a Satisfactory rating with scores running from 92 to 100 on the various phases.

On 22 October, CINCPACFLT Staff Medical Officer, Rear Admiral Cowan, and Colonel J.E. Haggerty, CINCPAC J76 PIO Officer, made a visit to the hospital area.

Throughout the report period, this hospital has been called upon to assist other units with men and equipment, mainly the 93d Evacuation hospital. In addition to providing medical personnel and equipment this hospital's entire laundry section including personnel and equipment is being utilized by the 93d Evacuation Hospital.

There is also a detail engaged in sodding portions of the hospital area in an effort to control dust.

During this report period this unit has achieved and maintained a ninety (90%) percent level of participation in the Saving Bond Program thereby earning the Minute Man Award.

## SECTION II

### OBSERVATION (LESSONS LEARNED)

Item: Priorities of work by Engineer Battalion

Inclosure 1

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Discussions: In building an Evacuation Hospital it is believed that certain priorities for the completion of buildings should be adhered to. The mess hall, showers, and latrines should be the first buildings to be constructed since almost the entire hospital staff is on site from the first day the building program begins. Other priorities are as listed below.

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>
1	Mess Hall
2	Showers & Latrines
3	Receiving Building (A & D)
4	X-Ray and Lab
5	Pre-Op
6	Surgical Buildings
7	C M S
8	Three Post Op Wards
9	Two Nurses Quarters
10)	Registrar and Baggage Room
11	Headquarters Building
12	Three Intensive Care Buildings

The remainder of the hospital buildings, i.e. wards, dispensary, pharmacy, etc., may be completed in any order and require no priority listing.

Observation: Upon completion of the foregoing buildings, a small one hundred twenty (120) bed hospital (3 post Op and 3 I. C. wards) could become operational. Gradually additional ward buildings and other ancillary services could be provided, until a complete four hundred (400) bed Evacuation Hospital was in operation.

## SECTION II

### Part 2

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

That, in the future, the engineers be given definite work priorities to follow in order to expedite the initial completion of such a hospital on a reduced scale.

*John R Connolly*  
JOHN R. CONNOLLY  
LTC, MC  
Commanding

Inclosure 1

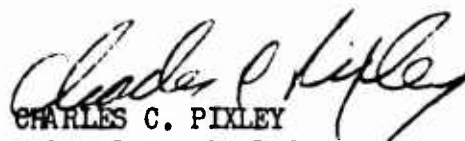
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(RCS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 68th Medical Group, APO 96491 16 November 1966

TO: Commanding Officer, 44th Medical Brigade, APO 96307

1. Engineers are given definite work priorities to follow in constructing buildings of a hospital. Priorities for construction of buildings are normally made in coordination between the unit commander, the Engineer unit responsible for the construction, and this headquarters.

2. The objective of all construction priorities is to get the hospital operational as soon as possible.

  
CHARLES C. PIXLEY  
Colonel, Medical Corps  
Commanding

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SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966  
(ACS CSFOR-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 44th Medical Brigade, APO 96307, 20 November 1966

TO: Commanding General, 1st Logistical Command, AFM: AVCA-EC-C, APO  
96307

1. The 24th Evacuation Hospital was not operational during this report period.

2. Reference Section II, Part I, basic report. The priorities listed will reduce the duplicative workload for the hospital unit, thereby eliminating the temporary requirements for a mess in tents and the construction of temporary latrines and showers. The labor effort can be utilized in constructing male quarters, completing the inside of the mess hall and assisting the engineers in completion of the hospital.

3. Concur with recommendation of the hospital commander with the comments contained in the 1st Indorsement.



RAY L. MILLER  
Colonel, MD  
Commanding



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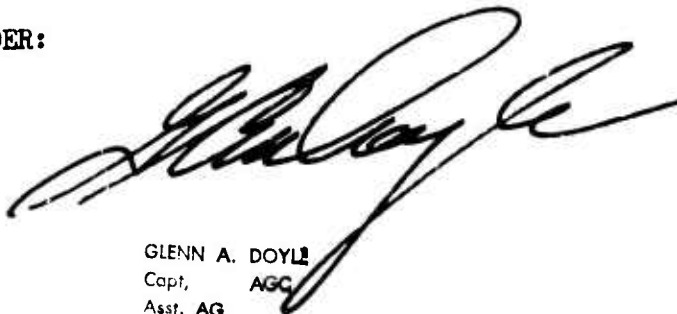
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TO: Deputy Commanding General, US Army, Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DH, APO 96307

1. The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 24th Evacuation Hospital for the quarter ending 31 October 1966 is forwarded herewith.

2. Concur with the basic report as modified by the comments contained in the preceding indorsements. The report is considered adequate.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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GLENN A. DOYLE  
Capt, AGC  
Asst. AG

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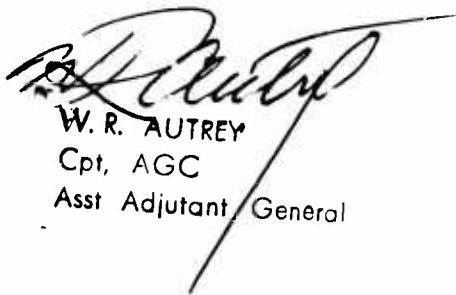
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96307

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT  
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Headquarters, 24th Medical Evacuation Hospital as indorsed.

2. Reference Section II, Item: Priorities of Work by Engineer Battalion, Page 2: Hospital construction priorities are further detailed in USARV Regulation 415-4, dated 10 October 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
W. R. AUTREY  
Cpt, AGC  
Asst Adjutant General

GPOP-OT (9 Nov 66) 5th Ind  
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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 14 JAN 1967

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the  
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



L. L. CHAPPELL  
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